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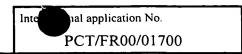
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V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement								
VI Certain documents cited								
VII Certain defects in the international application								
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7.	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
	citations and explanations supporting such statement

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1.	Statement			
	Novelty (N)	Claims	1-6	YES
		Claims		NO
	Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-6	YES
		Claims		NO
	Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-6	YES
		Claims		NO
-	Industrial applicability (IA)		1-6	

2. Citations and explanations

Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: EP-A-0 847 889 (MANNESMANN VDO AKTIENGESELLSCH)
17 June 1998 (1998-06-17)

D2: FR-A-2 292 413 (BOSCH SIEMENS HAUSGERAETE) 18
June 1976 (1976-06-18)

D3: US-A-3 599 910 (WIPFF FRANK P) 17 August 1971 (1971-08-17)

The single independent Claim 1 appears to be novel with regard to the documents cited in the search report. These documents differ, inter alia, from Claim 1 by the following facts:

- Document D1 describes a device for attaching, to an instrument panel, an instrument from which the subject matter of Claim 1 differs in that it does not comprise a reinforcement in the instrument panel, the cross-section of which is the same as that of the housing provided with the flanges thereof (the element 17 of document D1, however, appears not to be easily identifiable with a flange).
- Document D2 describes a device for attaching, to an instrument panel, an instrument from

which, *inter alia*, the subject matter of Claim 1 differs in that it does not comprise a flange behind the front surface.

Consequently, the present application meets the requirement of PCT Article 33(2), as the subject matter of Claim 1 is novel in view of the prior art as defined in the Regulations (PCT Rule 64(1)-(3)).

The problem that the subject matter of Claim 1 is intended to solve can be worded in the following way:

"how to limit the space requirement of the mechanical attachment of a device to an instrument panel".

The solution proposed has not been described in the prior art and does not constitute, for a person skilled in the art, an ordinary constructive measure for solving the problem.

The solution proposed in Claim 1 is therefore considered to be inventive (PCT Article 33(3)).

Industrial applicability:

The subject matter of Claim 1 is considered to be industrially applicable according to PCT Article 33(4) because it appears to be possible to produce and use it.

Dependent claims:

It appears that dependent Claims 2-6 contain modifications or improvements to the invention according to Claim 1, and meet the requirements of PCT Article 33.

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

Contrary to the requirement of PCT Rule 5.1(a)(ii), the relevant prior art disclosed in documents D1 to D3 has not been indicated in the description, nor have these documents been cited.

Claim 1 has been drafted in two parts. However, certain features should not appear in the characterizing part since they are disclosed in document D3, in combination with the features set forth in the preamble (PCT Rule 6.3(b)).

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